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SUBJECT: RED: ECAFE PRG AND KHMER ISSUES AT 30TH SESSION

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1. BEFORE APPROACHING GOM, I ASKED VIETNAMESE AND KHMER COLLEAGUES IF THEY HAD RAISED WITH FOREIGN OFFICE PRG AND GRUNK ISSUE AT ECAFE. VIETNAMESE CHARGE SAID HE HAD DONE SO UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM SAIGON AND HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT GOM WOULD OPPOSE SEATING OF PRG. KHMER AMB SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND HAD NOT RAISED SUBJECT BUT EXPECTED HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD SEEK CONFIRMATION DURING VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR NEXT WEEK.

2. AT CLOSE OF EXTENDED CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY-GENERAL ZAITON ON OTHER SUBJECTS, I NOTED VERY CLOSE VOTE AT GENEVA LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE AND MENTIONED THAT VIETNAMESE CHARGE HAD TOLD ME THAT GOM WOULD HOLD TO ITS ESTABLISHED POSITION ON PRG AT FORTHCOMING ECAFE MEETING IN COLOMBO. ZAITON SAID THAT HE WAS SURPRISED BY INDONESIAN VOTE IN GENEVA.
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HE CONFIRMED GOM INTENTION TO OPPOSE SEATING

PRG AND SIHANOUK GROUP, AND HE ADDED THAT HE HAD URGED KHMER AND VIETNAMESE TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN TAKING THEIR CASE TO ASIAN COUNTRIES THAT WERE WAVERING IN SUPPORT, AND (IN BROADER INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT) TO FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES IN AFRICA WHERE COMMON FRENCH BACKGROUND MIGHT HELP THEM WIN SUPPORT. WE AND THAIS ARE WITH THEM, HE ADDED, AND THEN PERHAPS IN REFERENCE TO THE VISIT OF THE KHMER FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THEY NEED NOT CONTINUE TO PREACH TO THE CONVERTED.
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